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The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, the Reverend C. Edward Pruitt, Burke United Methodist Church, Burke, VA. Dr. Pruitt, we are pleased to have you with us.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. C. Edward Pruitt, Burke United Methodist Church, Burke, VA, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of all creation, Who has made of one blood all the nations of the world to dwell on this Earth, help us to live as brothers and sisters. May we have love, compassion, and concern for one another knowing that when one of us suffers, we all suffer.

On this day, O God, we pray for the peacemakers of our world as they fly from Washington to the Middle East, from the United Nations to Bosnia, and to all parts of our war-torn world. They carry with them their briefcases and a deep desire for peace among the peoples of the Earth. Hear our prayer for these peacekeepers and leaders who long for peace but don't yet know how to find that peace. Give them Your guidance, Your wisdom, and commitment, O God.

And now we ask Your special blessings and guidance upon the Members of this Senate body as they seek Your will for America and the world. In their deliberations, give them hospitality, friendliness, and humor, and may what they say and do on this day make a real difference in our world.

Bring life to our spirits and a sense of joy to our living. May Your will be done in our lives, our country, and our world. We pray in humbleness and thanksgiving. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Virginia for a brief comment relative to the opening prayer.

Mr. WARNER. I thank the leader.

### THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, it is my privilege to recognize this morning the Reverend C. Edward Pruitt as our guest Chaplain for today. We particularly welcome his words of assurance to give strength to all of us in the discharge of our duties.

Reverend Pruitt serves as the pastor of the Burke United Methodist Church in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has been in that post for 3 years and has ministered to the people of Virginia and Maryland for the past 30 years in his distinguished career. A graduate from the Wesley Theological Seminary here in Washington, Reverend Pruitt has a very unique background.

If one detected a slight accent in the Reverend Pruitt's words this morning, it might be because he grew up as a waterman's son—that's a fisherman's son—on the small island named Tangier in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay. Here the islanders still speak with great pride with a lingering trace of the Elizabethan English dialog, reflecting the historic settlement of that island by the English Captain John Smith in 1608.

I do not know how many of my colleagues know that Tangier Island in Virginia exists, but it does. I have been privileged to be there many times. It is noted for one other thing: There is not a single automobile for transportation.

Again, we welcome Reverend Pruitt, and the Senate is particularly grateful to Bill Hoagland, chief of staff to the

Republican Senate side of the Budget Committee for bringing to the attention of the President pro tempore and the leadership the availability of this distinguished pastor.

Thank you. I yield the floor.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, this morning, the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 12:30 p.m. At 12:30 p.m., the Senate will recess for the policy luncheons to meet until 2:15 p.m. When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the paycheck protection amendment currently pending to S. 25, the campaign finance reform bill. If cloture is not invoked on the amendment, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the campaign finance reform bill itself. If cloture is not invoked on the bill, the Senate could resume the D.C. appropriations bill for the consideration of the remaining issues to that appropriations matter. A cloture vote is scheduled for tomorrow on the pending Mack-Graham amendment to the District of Columbia appropriations bill if that issue is not resolved.

Also, as announced, the Senate may turn to any appropriations conference reports that become available. Therefore, additional votes will occur following the 2:15 p.m. vote during today's session of the Senate. I yield the floor.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with the Democratic leader having 45 minutes under his control.

The distinguished Democratic leader is recognized.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, thank you for the recognition.

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